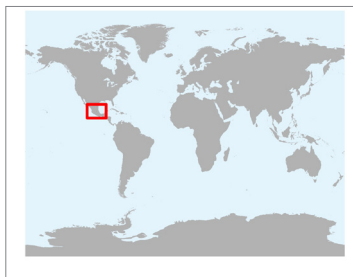




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## Species of the Day: Biznaguita

**Biznaguita**, *Mammillaria herrerae*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Endemic to Querétaro, Mexico, this unusual cactus has the appearance of a small golf ball, its white spines forming an almost lacy-looking, spherical surface.

Biznaguita is under serious threat from illegal collection and, as a result, has declined by an estimated 95 percent over the past 20 years. The wild population is now reduced to approximately 50 individuals, growing in an area of just over one square kilometre. A nearby commercial cactus nursery has almost totally stripped the site, whilst local children often collect the plants and offer them to visitors. There is also a small amount of residential development in the area, introducing a further potential threat.

Although listed on Appendix II of CITES, meaning international trade in this cactus should be carefully controlled, greater enforcement of these regulations are needed. Biznaguita has long been propagated around the world, which may provide hope for the species' survival should the wild population be lost.

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